

CLAIMS:

1. A unit comprising an enclosed space not easily accessible for cleaning and
5 deodorizing, having an interior and an exterior, the unit comprising
an access port in the unit openable from the exterior of the unit to
permit placement and replacement of a container permeable to water or water
vapor, holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas
upon exposure to water or water vapor; and
10 a holder for said container, accessible through the access port, which
retains the container within the interior of the unit at a location exposed to the
ambient air within the interior.
- 15 2. The unit of Claim 1 wherein said gas is a halogen, chlorine dioxide, ozone, or
ethylene oxide.
3. The unit of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises sodium hypochlorite and an
acidic component.
- 20 4. The unit of Claim 1 wherein said gas is chlorine dioxide.
5. The unit of Claim 1 wherein said holder is a drawer, pivoting pocket, slot or tray.
- 25 6. The unit of Claim 1 further comprising an indicator device activated upon each
placement or replacement of said container, the indicator device providing an
indicator signal on the exterior of the unit when the container needs replacement.
7. A unit as in Claim 6 wherein said indicator device provides said indicator signal in
response to a predetermined time interval between openings of said access port.
- 30 8. A unit as in Claim 6 wherein said indicator signal is a light or an alarm activated upon
passage of said time interval.
9. The unit of Claim 1 said unit having a top and a front wherein said holder is in the top
35 of front of said unit.
10. The unit of Claim 1 wherein said container holds from about 50 g to about 500 g of
said composition.

